

Report to Devizes Area Board
Date of meeting 16 May 2016
Title of report Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Devizes and District Association for the Disabled	£3,261
St Joseph's Nursery	£1,500
Devizes and District Opportunity Centre	£3,500
Crofton Boiler Repairs	£5,000

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council’s Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council’s equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 1968	Devizes and District Association for the Disabled	Development of Building	£3,261
<p>Project description</p> <p>The Men’s Toilet is in urgent need of improvement to bring up to current standards. The toilet dates from 1984 and still has the open drainage channel under the urinals and there is no mechanical ventilation. The proposed works will address those issues and bring the toilet to an acceptable standard.</p> <p>The Devizes and District for the Disabled was formed in 1981 and since 1984 the DDAD have run the Nursteed Centre, now called the Nursteed Community Centre; which provides a safe and accessible place for disabled people in the area. The Centre is used by 15 groups of people with various disabilities; with approximately 240 disabled people using the Centre on a regular basis. The Centre allows equality by providing a meeting place for all people, irrespective of disabilities. This project will bring the toilet to modern standards and enhance the environment for the users.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes and District Association for the Disabled for £3,261.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 1909	St Joseph’s Nursery	2Build a Profile App	£1,500
<p>Project description</p> <p>St Joseph’s Nursery is a not-for-profit ‘Outstanding Nursery’ that has been based in Devizes for 39 years. A crucial part of the Early Years Curriculum involves monitoring children’s development to ensure that they reach their full potential. Key people document children’s learning in a journal; this requires a huge amount of time in the office, cutting and sticking photos, as well as undertaking observations. All of this takes away valuable time which could be spent with the children. The ‘2Build a Profile’ app provides a simple, secure and rapid way to log these observations and can be done whilst in the room with the children. Parents can access observations via private email and share in their children’s progress.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from St Joseph’s Nursery for £1,500</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 1783	Devizes and District Opportunity Centre	Outdoor Classroom	£3,500
<p>Project description</p> <p>The covered outdoor play space will be suitable for children aged from birth to 5yrs with a wide variety of disabilities, learning difficulties and complex health conditions. This outdoor play space would enable our member children to access a range of physical and learning activities out in the fresh air, whilst being protected from some of the elements; e.g. direct sunlight or rain, which might otherwise prove detrimental to their wellbeing.</p> <p>£1,500 has already been awarded towards this project by Melksham Area Board, due to a number of children attending the centre from that community area.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes and District Opportunity Centre for £3,500</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 1963	Kennet and Avon Canal Trust	Croft Beam Boiler Repairs	£5,000
<p>Project description</p> <p>Crofton Pumping Station, a grade 1 listed industrial monument, houses the oldest working steam engine in the world - the 1812 Boulton and Watt. Built to raise water to the summit level of the Kennet and Avon Canal, the station is maintained by enthusiastic volunteers and steamed regularly throughout summer months; attracting some 7000 visitors to the area. However, the boiler which supplies steam to this historic engine will need urgent safety repairs in October 2016. Without this work, which must be carried out professionally, the engine will not be able to run; thus losing much of its appeal to visitors.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Kennet and Avon Canal Trust for £5,000</p>			

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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